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Applicant : Réjean AUBÉ
Serial No. : 09/895,334
Filed : July 2, 2001
Title : DELAY COMPOSITIONS AND DETONATION DELAY
DEVICES UTILIZING SAME
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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

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This is in reply to the Examiner's Action of August 29, 2002.

This application contains claims 1 to 29.

The Examiner required the claims to be restricted to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-11 (delay composition)
- II. Claims 12-26 (delay element)
- III. Claims 27-29 (detonation delay device).

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-11) for further examination in the present application.

As noted by the Examiner, Claim 1 is currently generic to the claims of Group I. However, the Examiner required the further election of a single disclosed specie. For this purpose, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of composition disclosed on page 22, paragraph [0098], line 3. This is a composition by weight of 48% BaSO₄, 39.7% Si, 12% red lead and 0.3% binder.

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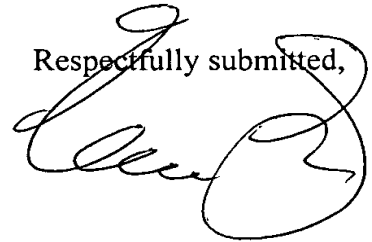
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Applicant maintains that all of the claims of the application as originally filed, and all of claims 1 to 11 of Group I, read onto this provisionally elected specie.

Applicant is submitting a further Information Disclosure Statement concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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